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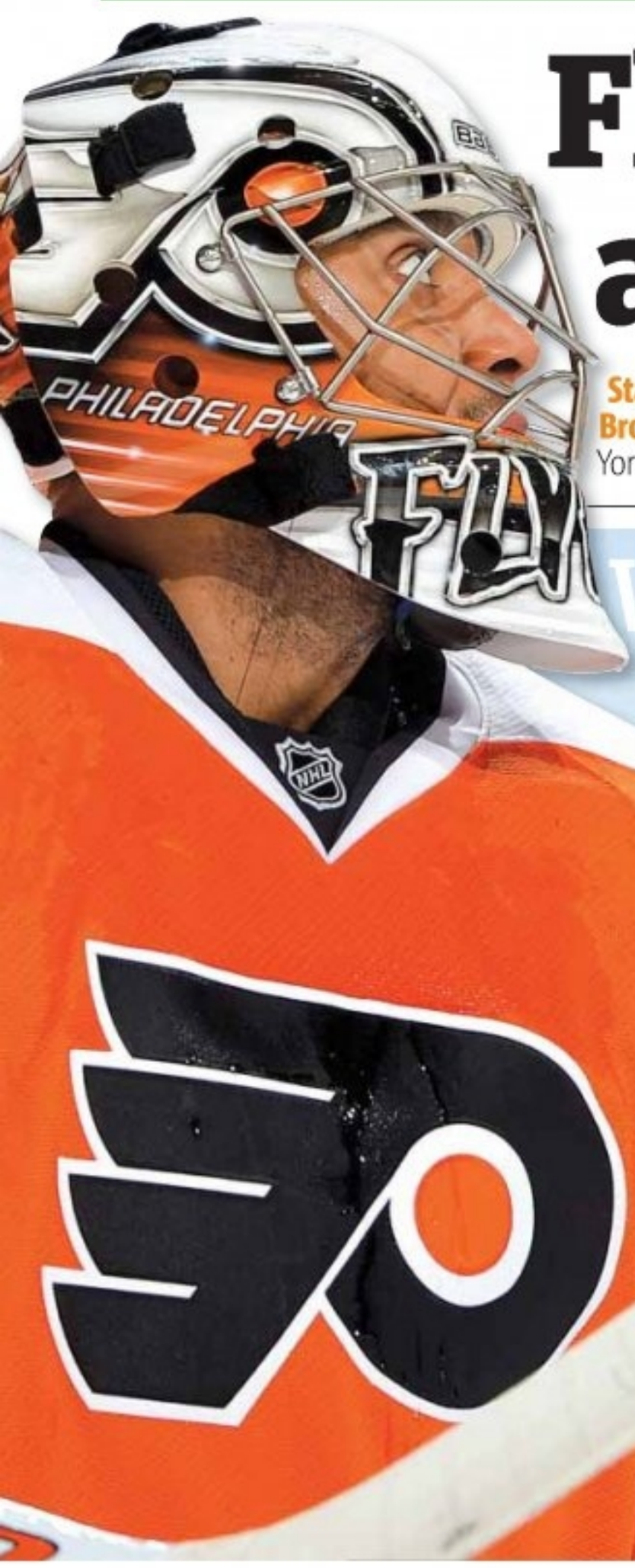

Flyers return home as comeback kids

Staying with Ray. The Flyers stick with the hot hand in net as Steve Mason remains hurt. **Back on Broad Street.** They can win the entire series if they sweep three games at home. **King Hank.** New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist makes his first career playoff start at Wells Fargo Center. PAGE 19

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Celebrate National Park Week at Independence National Historical Park. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

‘He was a good person,’ killer tearfully claims

Abused. Before being sentenced, a woman apologized for stabbing her boyfriend to death after a fight.

Voice barely audible and choked with sobs, Marchelle Pickney, 29, apologized for killing her boyfriend Brandt Lollie before her sentencing on third-degree murder charges.

“He was a good person. A likable person. He wasn’t a violent person,” Pickney said on Monday. “I knew I didn’t have no right taking that life away from him. My intentions were never to do that. … None of this was ever meant to happen.”

Pickney was found guilty of shoving a brand-new dollar-store kitchen knife, still sheathed in plastic, four inches into Lollie’s throat, apparently during an argument in the kitchen of their Frankford home.

According to Lollie’s family members, Pickney was long abusive toward Lollie.

Before the murder, Lollie left Pickney for a week. He he had just returned to their home on the 5200 block of Cottage Street when he died.

In a statement that Pickney made to detectives after calling 911 to report that she had killed Lollie, she said they had gotten into an argument, where Lollie finally stood up for himself.

After Pickney struck him, Lollie reportedly said, “You can’t just keep slapping me like this,” and slapped her back, following which she picked up the knife and drove it into his throat.

Quoted

“Brandt was a vibrant, charismatic, life-loving man. … If you knew him, you couldn’t help but love him.”

Branden Barnette, victim’s cousin

“She wasn’t thinking about anyone else when she picked up that knife and stabbed him in the neck,” said prosecutor Andrew Notaristefano before the sentencing. “Their son will grow up with a deceased father and a mother who killed him.”

Pickney argued at the trial that the slaying was in self-defense and claimed that Lollie had beaten her. Notaristefano called this “slander,” citing evidence that only Pickney was abusive.

“She had a right to a trial, but she had no right to lie,” Notaristefano said.

While in prison awaiting trial over the past two years, Pickney said that she has sought “help.” “I’ve reached out for help. I never wanted people to see any flaws in me. But I know I’m not perfect.”

“I’m so sorry,” she said, breaking down in tears, “that this had to happen for me to realize that.”

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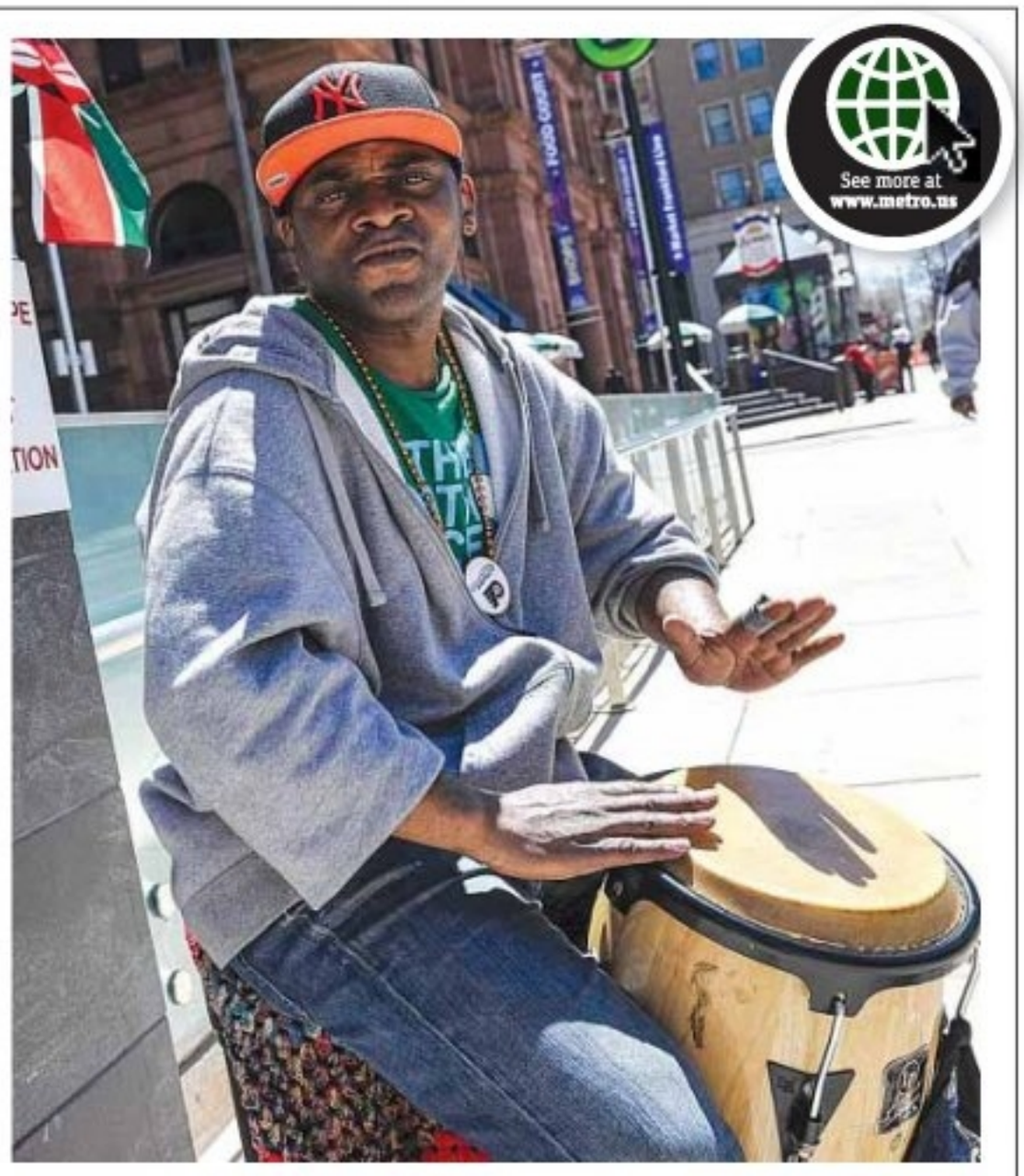
History of crimes

Pickney has a criminal record dating back to 1998.

- She was convicted of assault for a 2002 incident where she brought scissors into a school and then attacked a school police officer after the metal detector went off.
- Other charges include numerous counts of theft.
- “I was a rebellious child. I didn’t respect nobody. I did a lot of things. I accept responsibility for it all and apologize for it all,” Pickney said at sentencing.



Shake your body, baby, play that conga

Derrick Spurill plays the conga drum for passersby in Old City on a sunny Monday afternoon. Temperatures reached the upper 60s on Monday, and today there’s a chance of rain with a high of 72. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

LGBT rights. AG Kane not contesting gay marriage claims

American Civil Liberties Union lawyers are seeking an early resolution to a lawsuit against the state’s gay marriage ban.

The ACLU filed a motion Monday asking that the case be decided based on papers currently filed, rather than at a scheduled June trial.

The federal lawsuit was filed in July 2013 on behalf of 25 plaintiffs seeking to compel Pennsylvania to legally recognize same-sex marriage.

The ACLU said that state lawyers from the office of Attorney General Kathleen Kane haven’t announced plans to call expert witnesses to counter the lawsuit’s claim that there is no reason for a gay marriage ban, or to dispute the harms that plaintiffs are claiming, the ACLU said.

The ACLU wrote that “both sides agree” there is “no need” for a trial.

Also in July 2013, Kane announced she refused to defend the constitutionality of the state’s gay marriage ban, which was passed in 1996.

Kane’s office did not comment by press time. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

South Jersey

Skydiver falls to his death

A 49-year-old Brooklyn, N.Y., man died Sunday afternoon after his parachute failed to open during a skydiving jump in South Jersey, authorities said.

Arkady Shenker, 49, an experienced jumper, was parachuting with Freefall Adventures in Monroe Township, according to the Gloucester County prosecutor’s office. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating. **METRO**

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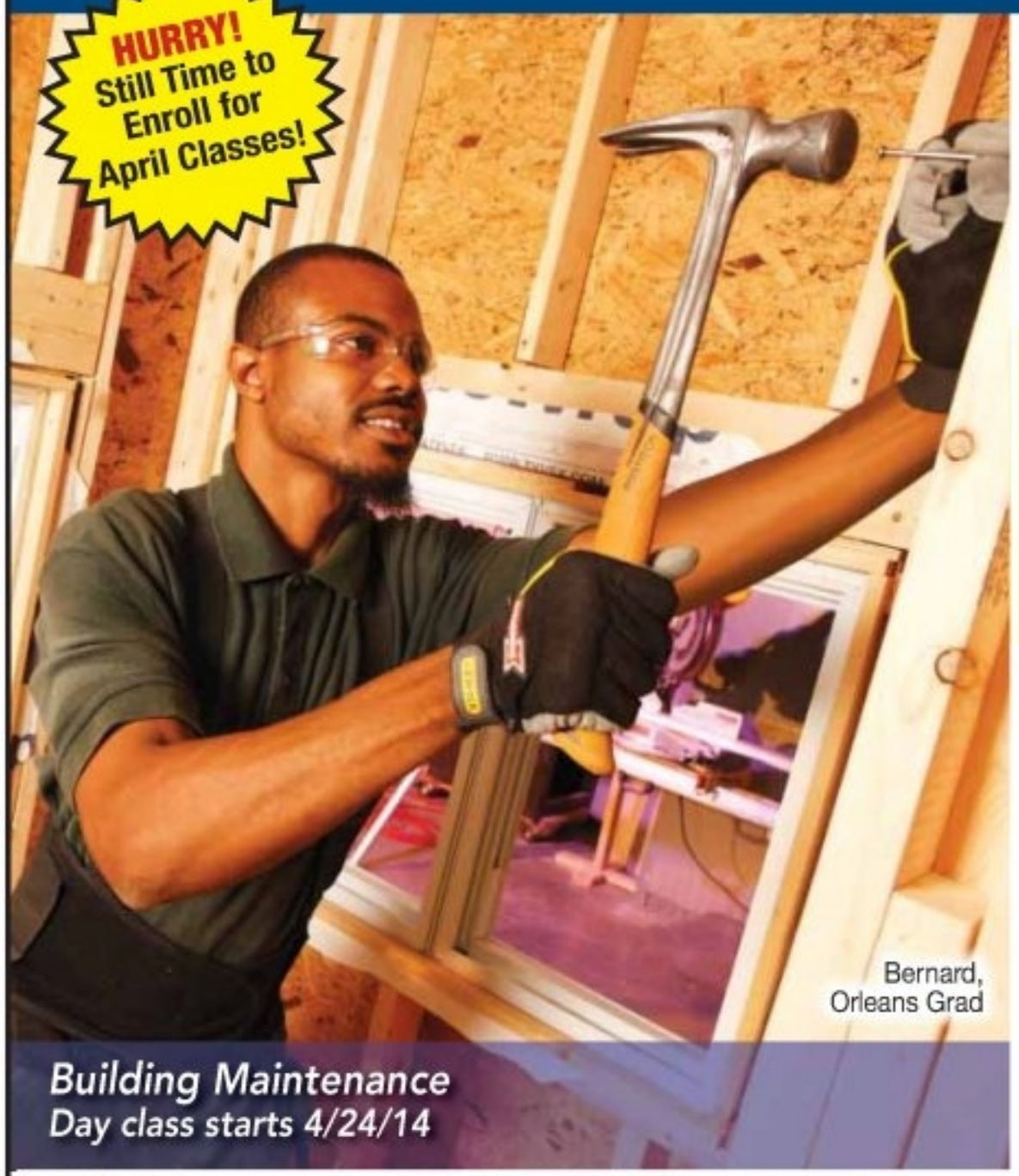

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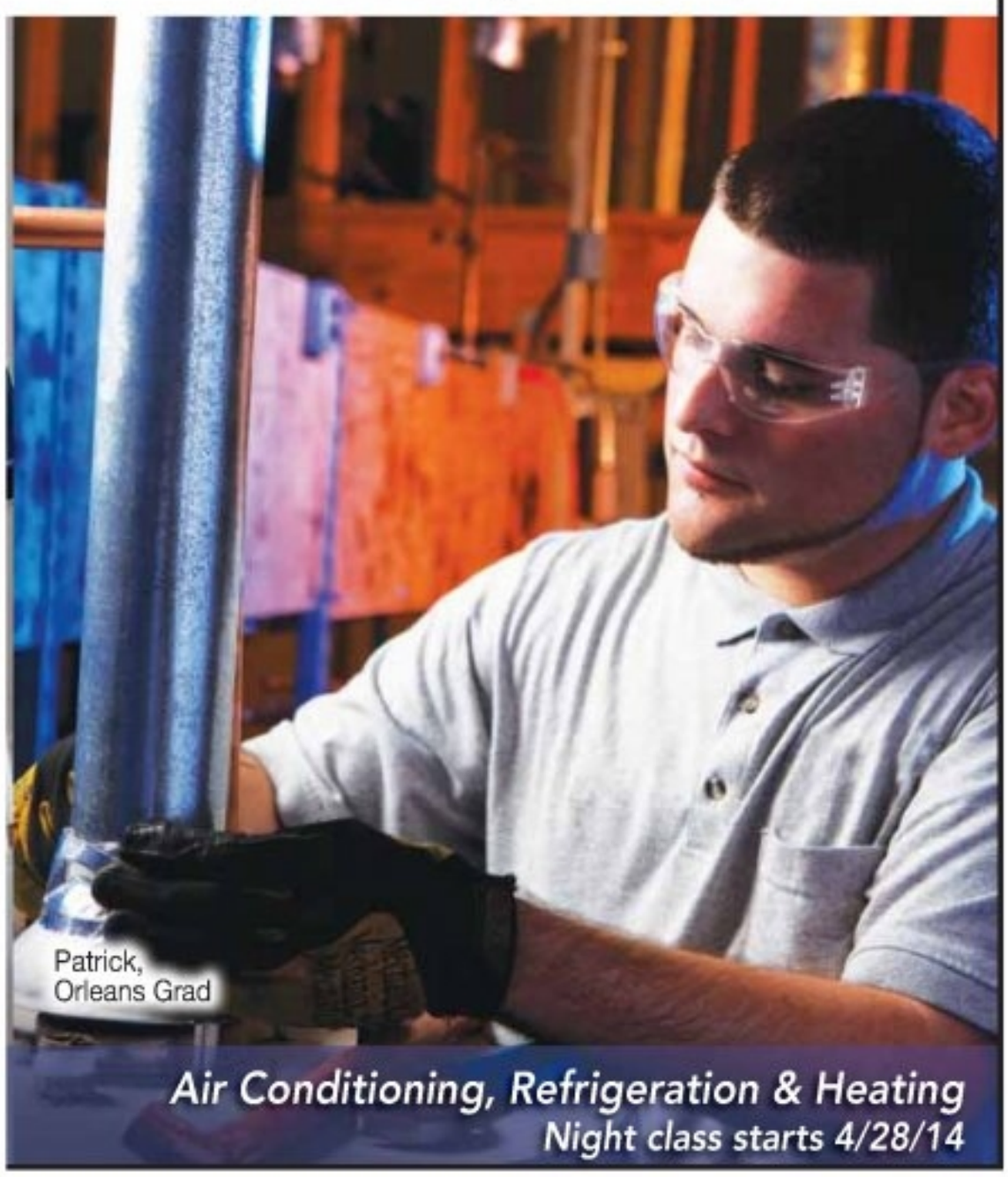

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The Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial in Old City is the country's smallest registered national park. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

City celebrates national parks throughout week

Take a walk.
Daily festivities are planned in the city in observance of National Park Week.

For a city ripe with historic landmarks and national treasures, the country's smallest national park doesn't seem like a fit.

But apparently the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, formerly the home to the Polish Revolutionary War hero, is the smallest park in the country.

"It goes by acres," said Park Ranger Adam Duncan. "It's 0.02 acres, which makes it the smallest national park in the system."

The park, which is technically its own site after it was designated by Congress in 1972, falls under the jurisdiction of Independence National Historic Park.

Regardless of size, all 401 national parks are celebrating National Park Week, which began April 19 and lasts through Sunday. And there is a lot to love locally: "There is a total of 45.42 acres administered by the National Park Service in Philadelphia," Duncan said.

Parks by the numbers

The National Park Service encompasses 84 million acres in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

- Largest is Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Alaska, with over 13.2 million acres.
- Smallest is in Philly.

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Traffic advisory

UCP 5K to close streets

The United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia & Vicinity-sponsored Life Without Limits 5K will start on the Art Museum steps at 6:45 p.m. Area roads will be closed from 6:45 until 9 p.m. Road closures: Eakins Oval westbound to Spring Garden Street Bridge; southbound Kelly Drive; the westbound-only lane of the Spring Garden Street Tunnel. METRO

Turned in. Mother of slain girl, 11, charged

Tiffany Goldwire / PPD

The mother of an 11-year-old who was shot and killed by her 2-year-old brother while he allegedly played with a loaded gun at home has turned herself in, police said Monday.

Tiffany Goldwire, accompanied by her lawyer, turned herself in at police headquarters on April 17 in connection with the April 5 shooting. She is being charged with involuntary manslaughter, endangering the welfare of a child, possessing an instrument of crime, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person. METRO

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Boston Strong, a year later

Spectators

Fans return with defiance and resolve

Spectators sounded a defiant note on a sunny morning, vowing to reclaim the event as the joyous family friendly event it has long been.

Lining up at various checkpoints near the finish line, spectators silently waited for bags to be inspected and cheered loudly as Boston police cruised the course on bikes.

Marsha Quimby was seated at the corner of Boylston and Exeter streets, the same spot where she stood last year just a few feet from the exploding bombs. She did not hesitate to return and cheer her husband, who ran the race. REUTERS

Meb Keflezighi of the United States celebrates after winning the 118th Boston Marathon. / GETTY IMAGES

Second-largest field. Some 35,755 runners from 96 countries competed in the marathon.

Fans had packed the course, waving American flags and wearing T-shirts bearing the "Boston Strong" motto the city adopted as a rallying cry after last year's attack. Their screams grew deafening as American Meb Keflezighi tore through the final miles to take the win.

"It is very symbolic that an American won this race today one year after the bombing," said Veronica Carroll, who had traveled from New Jersey to watch her husband run. "It represents the strength of our country."

Among the women runners, Kenyan Rita Jeptoo won, with Buzunesh Deba of Ethiopia second and compatriot Mare Dibaba third. They turned in faster performances than the previous course record of 2:20:43 set in 2002 by Margaret Okayno of Kenya.

Back on top

1983

Keflezighi won the men's marathon, earning the first win for an American in Boston since 1983 (Greg Meyer).

No American athlete has stood atop the podium on Boston's Boylston Street, not far from the site of last year's bombing, since 1985 when Lisa Larsen-Weidenbach won the women's race. The drought had been longer for U.S. men: Greg Meyer won in 1983. REUTERS

Male winner

Keflezighi ends US drought

Meb Keflezighi won the Boston Marathon as fans chanted "USA! USA!" — an emotional performance in a city still recovering from last year's bombing.

Keflezighi, who was born in Eritrea but is now a U.S. citizen, pulled ahead of a pack of elite African runners a little more than halfway into the race and held off a challenge by Kenya's Wilson Chebet. His official time: two hours, eight minutes and 37 seconds.

"This is probably the most meaningful victory for an American, just because of what happened here last year," Keflezighi told reporters after his win. "Up till now I'd say my career was 99.9 percent fulfilled. Today I'd say it is 110 percent fulfilled." REUTERS

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Supreme Court. Law on listing Israel as birthplace under review

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday agreed to weigh the constitutionality of a law designed to allow American citizens born in Jerusalem — the historic holy city claimed by Israelis and Palestinians — to have Israel listed as their birthplace on passports.

The case concerns a long-standing U.S. foreign policy that the president — and not Congress — has sole authority to state who controls Jerusalem. Seeking to remain neutral

on the hotly contested issue, the State Department allows passports to name Jerusalem as a place of birth, but no country name is included.

The State Department, which issues passports and reports to the president, has declined to enforce the law passed by Congress in 2002, saying it violated the separation of executive and legislative powers laid out in the Constitution.

In court papers, President Barack Obama's administration said taking sides on the issue could "critically compromise the ability of the United States to work with Israelis, Palestinians and others in the region to further the peace process." **REUTERS**

Stowaway

Teenager survives flight over Pacific in jet wheel well

A teenage boy who ran away from home survived a five-hour flight in the freezing wheel well of a jetliner that reached 38,000 feet as it traveled from California to Hawaii, the FBI said.

The 16-year-old, from Santa Clara, Calif., quickly lost consciousness as temperatures in the compartment sank as low as minus-80 degrees Fahrenheit, said FBI Special Agent Tom Simon.

About an hour after the plane landed on Sunday morning, the boy regained consciousness and emerged onto the tarmac at the airport in Maui, where he was spotted by ground crew. **REUTERS**

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The price of following your heart. TABii Just designer Tabitha St. Bernard tells us how she balances her design work with two other jobs to make a living in New York City.

The stats

Tabitha St. Bernard
Age: 31
Home: Flatbush, Brooklyn, New York
Lives with: Husband
Number of jobs: 3

When did you start your fashion line?
I started TABii Just about a year and a half ago. It's a women's clothing label that focuses on conscious consumerism. There is zero fabric waste and everything is made locally. I do it all myself out of my apartment, although I have a board of advisers who help me with parts of the business I don't know that much about.

And you also have two other jobs?
Yes. My fashion line is my main focus, but I work two flexible jobs on the side. One is as a [style] blogger, which I do from home unless I have an event. I also work with people who have special needs. I have a caseload of 25 cases. I do face-to-face check-ins quarterly and phone call check-ins [sporadically].

That's so different from your fashion career. How did you get into it?
I came to this country about 12 years ago on an academic scholarship, which gave me free college tuition. In college, I discovered psychology. I love exploring the mind and how people think. After graduation, I needed a job to keep my green card, and that's when I started working for this agency. When I was 25, I started taking classes at the New School and the Fashion Institute of Technology. I just fell in love with fashion from an academic standpoint. I started going to FIT full-time and working at the agency part-time. They've been really supportive.

Tabitha St. Bernard got inspired to start her fashion line after taking classes at FIT. / PROVIDED

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Spending. Parents aren't willing to shell out as much for prom

The average prom attendee is expected to spend $978. / MOODBOARD

It's a night most high schoolers anticipate for years, thanks to the hype from countless rom-coms, magazines and retailers. In past years, parents have looked forward to it too, willingly shelling out over $1,000 for their teen to have a memorable night. This year, not so much — so far, prom spending is at a three-year low.

In a survey produced by Visa, the average American family will spend $978 on prom this year, down from $1,139. For years, prom spending reached a new high each spring, and this new low marks a turn in the tide of luxury spending for teens.

Visa also found that the money spent on prom isn't all coming directly from parents' bank accounts. The survey found that parents cover roughly 56 percent of prom costs, with the remainder covered by the promgoers. Once Visa realized the amount of money that teens themselves were spending on prom, they developed an app to help them budget for it. The new Plan It Prom app helps teens create and stick to their prom budget. They can track their spending as they shop, and there are even social components, using texting and Twitter to include their dates and friends in their spending plan. The app is available for Android and iOS.

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Pitch Slapped is among the six finalists competing at Town Hall in NYC this weekend. For more info, visit www.varsityvocals.com. / SIERRA SCHWARTZ

Students close to 'Pitch Perfect'

Singing out. College groups from all over the country are competing in the a cappella finals this weekend.

Tickets to this Saturday's International Championship of Collegiate a Cappella reportedly sold out in 11 hours.

"It's all the people who have seen 'Pitch Perfect' or 'The Sing-Off,' and they're excited to see a cappella," says Amanda Newman, the executive director of Varsity Vocals, the organization that produces the show. At the time the tickets went on sale, "they didn't even know anyone who was competing!"

But now it's clear which six undergraduate teams made the cut: Pitch Slapped from Berklee College of Music hopes to crush it with their mix of pop and indie to fill their 12-minute set, says sophomore and business manager Nathan Hartono. The tenor points out that instead of performing "just Top 40," they'll "mix it up like crazy" with selections that range from Justin Timberlake to Laura Mvula.

Francesca Federico is president of NYU's N'Harmonics, another competitor. She describes the group as free sound. "I associate college a cappella with Taylor Swift songs, but we're into all sorts, like classic rock like Led Zeppelin and the Allman Brothers, that wouldn't necessarily be considered a cappella."

Competition will be fierce on Saturday — the season began with 300 groups — but even just joining a group is tough. Federico recalls feeling "super nervous" competing against 199 other women her freshman year for one of the three coveted spots.

And while she plans to pursue an opera career after graduation, other members have less vocally inclined career paths. Their beatboxer (vocal percussionist) is majoring in neuroscience.

Hartono and his fellow Pitch Slapped members are all music majors, so it's "one of the many" musical projects they're pursuing. Many of the groups perform on campus and at various venues, which lends itself to the sorts of friendships highlighted in "Pitch Perfect."

"We're the real life version of 'Pitch Perfect,'" says Newman. "The nonfiction book is based on our tournament and two groups that competed in our tournament."

Quoted

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1 Lohan spills all

Sunday night's episode of "Lindsay," the Oprah Winfrey-produced reality show featuring Lindsay Lohan, was pretty dishy. Not only did Lohan drop the bombshell that she suffered a miscarriage, she also claims her infamous sex list was stolen from rehab.

Regarding the miscarriage, Lohan was explaining why she missed days of filming her show, which was caught on camera: "No one knows this — I had a miscarriage for those weeks that I took off," she claimed. "I couldn't move, I was sick. … Mentally, that messes with you." The father was not named.

"Lindsay" ended with the bombshell that she suffered a miscarriage earlier in the season. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

She also opened up about her infamous sexual conquest list, confirming the list's authenticity and shedding light on its origins. "That was part of my Betty Ford [treatment] — it's step No. 5 or step No. 8, your sexual inventory. You write that for your sponsor," she said.

So how did the list make its way into the pages of tabloid In Touch? "When I was moving and I was at the Beverly Hills Hotel, there were two people there who helped me move," the troubled starlet says. "Someone took a photo [of my Betty Ford book] and I'm pretty sure I know who it is, and they're not part of my life anymore."

2 Peaches Geldof's coffin features a painting of her family

Well, this is the saddest thing ever. The coffin of 25-year-old Peaches Geldof featured a painting of her with her family, including her husband, musician Thomas Cohen, and their two young sons. If that weren't sad enough, two of the family's dogs and cat were also included.

Geldof was buried Monday in Kent. Such notable figures as Sarah Ferguson, former Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman and Kate Moss attended her funeral, with Geldof's father, Sir Bob Geldof, reportedly giving the eulogy.

The coffin of Peaches Geldof was painted with a portrait of her young family — including their pets.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking points

Moore going to India during Kutcher's wedding

Demi Moore is looking to be anywhere but Los Angeles for ex-husband Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis' big wedding, according to Star magazine. "Demi is tapped into Ashton and Mila's wedding planning, and she's telling friends that she's going to get out of town during the timeframe of when the wedding festivities will go down," a source says. "Demi knows she'll have to endure hearing about the affair … and seeing pictures. But the wound is still fresh from their divorce, and Demi doesn't want anything to trigger a relapse." So just what will she be doing instead? "She's booking a trip to the yogic spiritual center of India, Rishikesh, where she'll submerge herself in days of waking at 4 a.m., chanting, meditation, yoga by the Ganges River, light eating of only meager portions of vegan foods and dressing in saffron-colored robes. She'll be cut off from all technology including phones, Internet and TV," the source says.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today in the Twitterverse, Lena Dunham is not a morning person, Ricky Martin is learning how to play the game of life and Chloe Grace Moretz has some questionable taste in TV.

@lenadunham: Well, 5:30 am, we meet again, despite the fact that I just keep talking s— about you on the internet.

@ricky_martin: If u pay attention, you move ahead!

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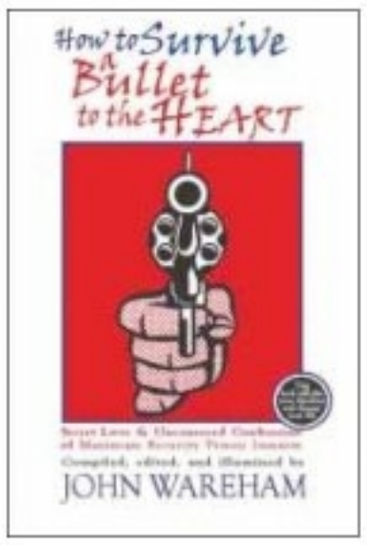
National Poetry Month. Prisoners turn pain into art

April celebrates poets of the past as well as new wordsmiths. But some people can't perform their art at local bars or even on the subway. They are locked up, serving time and working through what brought them there. John Wareham compiled a book of poems from prisoners, "How to Survive a Bullet to the Heart." Here are two of them, exclusively appearing here:



More to It

By Rudy Bisnauth

There's more to it than cuffs
and crackles.
More to it than pain and
shackles.
More to it than days and
nights.
More to it than oozing life.
More to it than parsing
crime.
More to it than counting
time.

I woke and saw that pain's
a blessing.
Judgement Day is life's
undressing.
Caress what is to be your
rest;
love, in time, will be your
test.

To me there is a whole lot
more.
A door to open many tours.
More to it, I count my
breath,
how many whispers might
be left?

Embraces

By Josue "Big Bear" Pierre

Even after all these years
visiting day, I must say,
can leave me in tears.

To see loved ones I first strip
naked
and consent to be
degraded.

Needless to say
to embrace the faces
who journey the day
to this cold chalet
come in answer
to what I pray.

Being with those I love is joy
but too soon time flies,
then comes goodbye.

EMILY LAURENCE

Befriending a homeless man

You may walk by Philly's own version of Richard Musto every day.
MICHEL DELSOL

Living poetry. "The Life and Times of Richard Musto" tells the story, through a poem, of someone you might have passed on the street dozens of times.

They're the people we pass every day and try not to look at. Whatever excuses we tell ourselves to keep our distance — they just want money; I don't have time; they're either crazy, on drugs, or both — poet Joe Lamport stopped making them. Instead, he formed a close friendship with a man who lived in a cardboard box, getting to know his past, present and hopes for the future. The result is "The Life and Times of Richard Musto," a story told through poetry about the 89-year-old World War II vet.

Celebrating National Poetry Month isn't just about remembering the great poets of the past. Hearing Musto's story just may inspire you to pen your own poem about someone you see every day or a part of the city that's usually overlooked. Here, exclusively in Metro, are the first words of the book:

It's out on the street
Where such stories begin
As we're rushing to work
Late for a meeting
Or mindlessly
drifting
Amidst the
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That's where we
People of the
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Precinct step the
most lively
Alone yet primed and
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To love unrequited
The next passing stranger
Just as Baudelaire did
Or else if we dare
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AMY RYAN

The Oscar nominee didn't want to play another killjoy wife in the affair drama "Breathe In."

NOT THE BAD GUY

FILMMAGIC

Amy Ryan divides her time between three mediums: stage, where she's racked up two Tony nominations; TV, including memorable runs on "The Wire" and "The Office"; and film, scoring an Oscar nod as a foul-mouthed mother whose daughter is kidnapped in "Gone Baby Gone." But she tends to play nicer characters. In "Breathe In," she's a suburban wife whose bored musician husband (Guy Pearce) develops a fondness for their English exchange student (Felicity Jones).

This was made in 2011. Is it weird talking about a film you made three years ago?
Yeah, kind of. It's like talking about an ex-boyfriend.

Your character is not just a token killjoy wife. How did director Drake Doremus ("Like Crazy") pitch her to you?
I didn't want to be the bad guy, so the audience cheers the husband to go off with the young girl. And he didn't want that either. That's just too easy. It was more about Guy's character living a static life of his own making. He didn't follow through on his dreams, and someone wakes that up in him.

Doremus doesn't work with scripts, just outlines. Is that freeing?
There are certain pros and cons to making a film this way. One of the pros is it's really fun to be winging it — being on your toes and really listening to your other actors, thinking about how you're going to respond. But there comes a time when I realize, "Oh, I'm not a writer." [Laughs] You know Drake's going to cut around what you do, but I'm used to working with writers. I'll improvise, but I don't always want to improvise a whole movie.

Doremus is really young. He's only 30 now.
He has amazing confidence. We would tease him because he was so enthusiastic about everything. "That's AMAZING!" Guy and I were like, "Was it, Drake? Is everything amazing?" But he's so loving and smart.

Talking craft

Back to the stage

As an actor who started in theater, was it strange transitioning to film and TV, which have very different methodologies?
I went back to theater after seven years of being away from it. I would have to say the transition back to theater was harder. I forgot how physically demanding it is. I was like, "Oh, it's a one-act play, I'll be home by 9:30 every night." But it's tiring. The energy to play someone when you go onstage till when you step offstage — it's like running a marathon. I forgot that. It was a good kick in the butt.

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But if "Riot in Cell Block 11," a low budget number from 1954 with no big stars, is a liberal message movie hoping to impact change, it doesn't always feel that way. From the lurid title down, it marries do-gooder-ism and exploitation. Wanger even hired one of the great vulgarians to direct it: Don Siegel, who would soon helm "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

There's a fair amount of sweaty bodies and hard violence in "Riot in Cell Block 11," which Siegel films with his trademark energy. But the film is careful about portraying the events with humanity. Nearly all onscreen are sympathetic — and, sadly, powerless.

Also out

'Get Carter'

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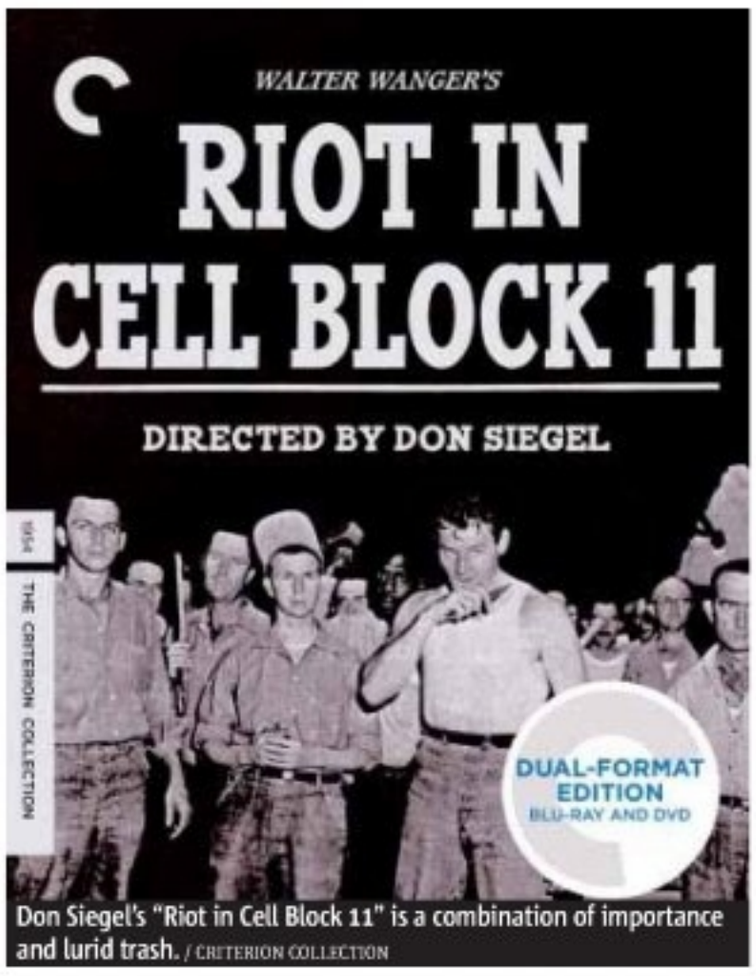

Don Siegel's "Riot in Cell Block 11" is a combination of importance and lurid trash. / CRITERION COLLECTION

Cage in his prime

'Wild Heart'

Taking a break from "Twin Peaks," David Lynch indulged in his hard-R side, with Nicolas Cage and Laura Dern as lovers who hit the road for Lynchian hijinks.

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'Bettie Page Reveals All'

Shortly before her 2008 death, the former pin-up girl sat down for this documentary about her.

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Go kayaking in Key Largo to take in your surroundings. / LINDA CLARKE

Ecotourism.

Plus: Tips for choosing your own eco-adventure.

The Florida Keys, a string of islands between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, is home to the only living coral reef in the U.S. That is, it's alive, but barely. Snorkeling above the Keys' Sombrero Reef reveals branchless, bleached coral and few fish. Coral is an animal with living tissue, and when that tissue dies all that's left are bones. With the reef's ecosystem damaged, creatures like long-spined sea urchins, which keep invasive coral-damaging algae down, decline, accelerating its demise.

Ecotourism is about interacting with nature without dominating or harming it. Instead of killing or capturing animals, visitors here observe and experience them on their turf and on their terms. It's an enormously different, far more intimate experience than seeing caged animals in zoos or captive sea mammals in aquariums.

Ken Nedimyer, president of the Key Largo-based Coral Restoration Foundation, poses in the organization's coral nursery. CORAL RESTORATION FOUNDATION

As the Keys' tourism depends on fertile waters, ecotourism is more than just a buzzword here: It's a strategy for survival. Catch-and-release fishing is encouraged; instead of jet skis, more businesses offer paddleboarding and kayaking; and veteran resorts like Islamorada's Cheeca Lodge & Spa ban thrill craft like jet skis to protect shallow waters' turtle grass and fish breeding grounds. Cheeca Lodge also offers in-room recycling via designated bags. It seems like a small measure, but given the volume of tiny shampoo bottles discarded each day alone, the long-term impact is huge.

Environmental and animal protection in the Florida Keys began more than a century ago with the creation of the Key West National Wildlife Refuge, which protects about 2,000 acres of unpopulated islands and 200,000 acres of marine waters. In 1938, the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge opened to provide safe breeding areas for North America's largest wading bird. The National Key Deer Refuge was established in 1957 to protect more wildlife.

In 2003 the Coral Restoration Foundation formed in Key Largo to counteract the ravages of disease, climate change and pollution. The group's work has spread to other coral-depleted areas in Colombia and the Caribbean. This year, the foundation aims to transplant 20,000 pieces of coral in the Keys' nurseries. Given the dire situation, however, is it too little, too late?

"We're very optimistic that the coral reef will come back," the Coral Restoration Foundation's Jessica Levy says. "The first transplants took nine years to spawn. Now, the coral are spawning only two years after transplantation. That's huge."

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Dr. Kelly Bricker, chair of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council, gave Metro ecotourism's ground rules:

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"Parenting Beyond Pink & Blue," by Christia Spears Brown, comes out today. / PROVIDED

Anyone who has tried buying a gender-neutral gift for a child knows how limited the options are. But Christia Spears Brown, author of "Parenting Beyond Pink & Blue," says you can still buy "girl" and "boy" toys for your children without scarring them for life.

"There are two important things to keep in mind," Brown tells us. "One is to think about the kind of traits and skills you want your child to develop. The other is to remember that kids learn from every toy you give them, so you need to give them toys that will foster those traits and skills. ... You have to meet kids where they are. Some girls really enjoy feminine toys, and some girls don't. If your girl does, that's fine. There's nothing wrong with pink LEGOs."

Brown says it's important to pay attention to gender stereotypes, even when your children are very young, because as kids get older, they face different issues largely stemming from such stereotypes. She cites that by third grade, 70 percent of girls don't like the way their bodies look, while boys often have problems with aggression and expressing their emotions. She believes that raising kids in a way that makes gender irrelevant helps to counteract these problems.

A lot of parents say this is easier said than done. "Moms tell me they buy their sons dolls, and they just throw them against the wall," Brown says. "There are other ways to practice nurturing and being empathetic, like helping care for a family member or pet."

The same logic applies for developing positive traits in girls. "You can't just be anti-princess or anti-girly toys. It's about what's good about the toy that you can keep, and how you can reject the things that are bad," she says.

Many parents complain that you can't control what happens at school or on play dates. "You can't control the outside world," Brown agrees. "Parents have to make sure that they're the loudest voice in the den of voices, so when other people are giving your kids messages, your voice is part of the messages that they hear."

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You'll face opposition if you voice your opinion. There is someone in your circle who may be able to offer some helpful advice. Make choices based on your needs.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Social media could offer valuable insight regarding future job prospects. Consider what interests you the most, do your research.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Physical activity will be challenging but rewarding. You can improve your self-image and make new friends. Enjoy close encounters.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Give someone you are questioning the benefit of the doubt. An honest mistake is not worth the cost of friendship.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Learn something new. Whether you comb the Internet or do some research at your local library, there's plenty to discover.

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. The attention you offer a younger person will be appreciated. If you are patient, your compassion will help you form an ally.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't let an emotional situation ruin your day or a relationship with someone special. Honesty will help alleviate discord.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

Change your mind on climate change

Re: 'Earth Day preview' (Metro, April 21) It's laughable to be lectured about why Americans should change how they think and live by the multimillionaire actors Chris Noth and Matthew Modine, who reside in multimillion-dollar properties and travel in energy-guzzling jets and limousines. Modine calls those who question man-caused climate change "ignorant asses." Well, Modine is the ignorant one, as science and facts are becoming increasingly at odds with him and other true believers like him. If your science is so good, you don't "lose" original scientific "data," such as global-warming scientists did when asked for their research data.

TOM WARD, VIA EMAIL

Illegal lawlessness

I find it very disturbing that our government leaders, both locally and nationally, fail to understand the term "illegal." A person who enters this country illegally should automatically be liable for deportation, whether they've committed a crime or not. They already committed a crime by sneaking into this country.

KEN WENDELL, VIA EMAIL

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32 "Omigosh!"
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36 Part of TGIF
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21 Pub pint
23 Lebanese port
24 Downhill skiing
25 John — Astor
26 Without doubt (2 wds.)
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29 Pineapple source
30 Encroach on
31 Petri dish gels
34 Red Sea gulf
40 Tidal wave
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43 With poor grace
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50 UFO passenger
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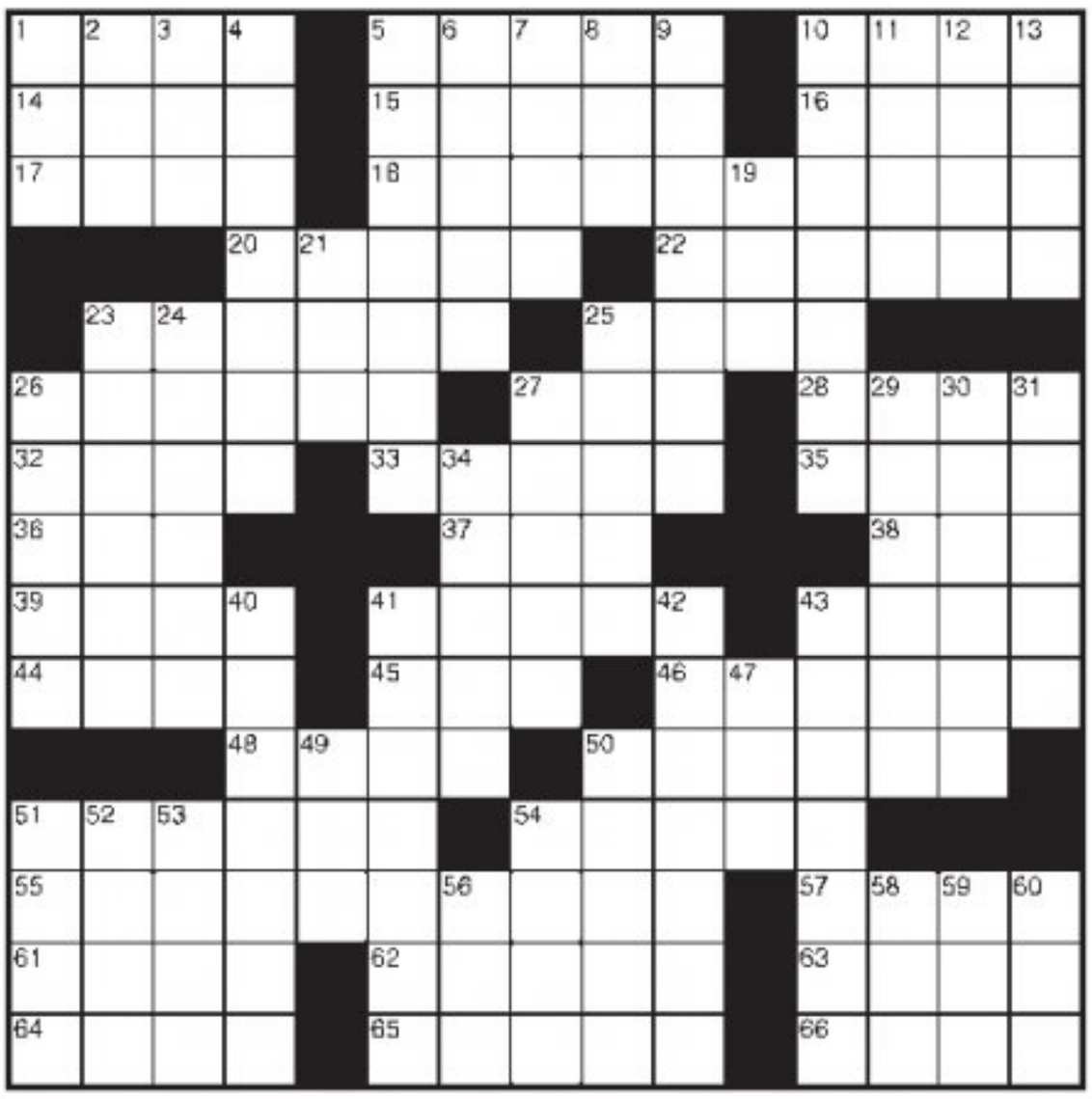

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Flyers back in Philly, sticking with Emery

NHL. With Steve Mason still sidelined with an "upper body" injury, Ray Emery gets the nod in Game 3 tonight.

Flyers regular-season starting goalie Steve Mason says he's improving from the hard hit he took from Pittsburgh's Jason Megna last week, but he still doesn't feel ready to go. And what's the rush, with the way Ray Emery has performed?

"Every day, honestly, it's a different story," said Mason, whose injury seems to have all the symptoms of a concussion. "Some days are really good and others aren't great. Today was better. We'll just hope tomorrow's even better than today."

That takes the decision out of coach Craig Berube's hands.

"Ray is playing the next game," said Berube, refusing to speculate on Mason's future status. "That's where I'm leaving it. There's nothing really else to talk about. The other guy is not ready, so I'm going to play the guy that is ready."

There will be no such mystery in the Rangers net, even if Henrik Lundqvist did cough up some fat rebounds, which Flyers rookie Jason Akeson and unlikely hero defenseman Luke Schenn turned into the tying and winning goals respectively Sunday afternoon. They'll continue to live or die with King Henrik, who'll be making his 70th playoff appearance but first ever in Philly.

The key for the Flyers is to put more sustained pressure on Lundqvist and force the Rangers mobile defenseman and speedy forwards into mistakes. That's what enabled them to turn the game around Sunday, even though the Rangers still launched 33 shots on Emery.

Philadelphia also needs to do a better job clearing the puck out of its own zone. The Rangers' relentless forechecking has caused turnovers and led to several high-quality chances. If the Flyers keep forcing the action enough, it's bound to pay off.

Then there's the schedule. After Tuesday night the teams will have two days off before Game 4 on Friday, then could conceivably have to play the last three games in just four days.

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Ray Emery turned away 31 shots in the Flyers' Game 2 win against the Rangers in New York. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

History in Flyers' favor with 1-1 split

The last time the Flyers opened a series on the road with a split, they made it all the way to the Stanley Cup Finals.

That would be 2010, of course, the year they sweep the Devils at home and Brian Boucher blanked them in Newark to finish off the series. All this prior to defeating Boston and Montreal en route to a Finals date against the Blackhawks.

Now with potentially three of the next four games in the Wells Fargo Center, momentum seems to be shifting toward Craig Berube's team, especially since they beat the Rangers at home twice during the regular season.

The Flyers are 30-7 when they win Game 2, their last loss coming to Tampa Bay in seven games in the 2004 Conference Finals.

Sunday demonstrated that what happens in the regular season stays in the regular season. Besides, factoring in the Rangers' 25-14-2 road mark, third best in the NHL, it's not exactly like they disappear once they step on foreign ice.

3 SPORTS

Leaving New York

Knicks fire Woodson

The New York Knicks and team president Phil Jackson decided to part ways with head coach Mike Woodson on Monday. They will immediately begin interviewing candidates for the job, starting with one of Jackson's former players, Steve Kerr. Woodson, who had one year remaining on his three-year contract, struggled to keep the Knicks competitive over parts of three seasons.

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SANDBERG IS A BETTER MANAGER THAN MANUEL

The 2014 Phillies are a team in serious decline, but they have improved in one important area: Ryne Sandberg is a much better manager than Charlie Manuel.

I know, I know. Manuel won a championship here. He will always be a folk hero who defied first impressions and won over Philadelphia with his hayseed charm. I fully understand that I am probably alone in believing he is the most overrated manager in Phillies history. Parades tend to obscure the truth, especially here. I get it.

What is happening right now with this team, however, should be eye-opening even to Manuel's fiercest supporters. For the first time in a decade, the Phillies have a manager who actually manages, a tactician who makes decisions using logic instead of a pre-programmed formula.

Sandberg manages very differently than his predecessor. / GETTY IMAGES

For example, Sandberg kept Cliff Lee in a game on a cold night last week for the highest pitch total of the lefty's career: 128. The manager explained that Lee had not exerted himself unnecessarily during the eventual 1-0 loss. Sandberg actually evaluated the conditions in which those 128 pitches were thrown rather than assigning an arbitrary number the way Manuel always did. The next day, Sandberg used Ryan Howard as a pinch hitter against a left-handed pitcher because the situation dictated the move — a 0-0 tie in the eighth inning, when a home run would be potentially decisive. The slugger walked, setting the stage for the next batter, Ben Revere, to win the game with a base hit.

If Manuel were still here, of course, Howard wouldn't have been available to pinch hit because the aging slugger would have been in the starting lineup, batting fourth. Howard always batted fourth, always started, when Manuel was here. Why? Because a robot managed the team then.

Sandberg also doesn't cater to the whims of his players the way Manuel did, and nowhere is that more apparent than in the way the skipper has handled Jimmy Rollins so far this season. Rollins is a talented baseball player, but he is also a brat. Manuel's approach was to coddle him; Sandberg prefers tough love.

Last week, Rollins laid down a bunt with a runner on second and one out. It was a stupid strategic decision because there was no advantage in giving up an out to move the runner to third. So why did Rollins do it? "He forgot how many outs there were," Sandberg said.

The manager did not make a lame excuse for his star player. He told the truth. Imagine that. Ryne Sandberg will never win as many games as Charlie Manuel here, and will probably never capture a championship here, either. But we all should ponder this question: How many parades would the Phillies have held in the last decade if they'd had a manager like Ryne Sandberg?

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Opinion. Sixers' front office shouldn't call the season a success

The Sixers just finished a pitiful 19-63 season, tying the NBA record with 26 consecutive losses and finishing second-to-last in the standings and in attendance. It was an atrocious ordeal — one of the worst years in the long and proud history of the franchise.

That's why is seemed like a leftover April Fool's Day prank when owner Joshua Harris gathered the media together last Friday for his annual post-mortem and proclaimed — with a straight face — that the season was "a huge success."

Well, at least he didn't have to worry about his GM, Sam Hinkie, contradicting that ridiculous statement. The reclusive stat cruncher didn't even bother to show up for the event, preferring the company of complicated analytics formulas and intricate draft manifestos.

Maybe this untested coupling of Wall Street wizards and computer geeks has the right idea. Maybe the only way to build an NBA champion these days is to tear everything down and start again. Maybe, with Michael Carter-Williams, Nerlens Noel, two more high draft picks joining the team and one solid returning veteran, Thaddeus Young, next season offers some legitimate hope.

Elliot Williams / GETTY IMAGES

But fans should proceed with extreme caution here. Harris continues to dazzle no one with his sports acumen, Hinkie is afraid to show his face and Brett Brown is still totally unproven as a head coach. There is just as much a chance that they are as clueless as the three-Ed-ed monster — Ed Snider, Eddie Jordan and Ed Stefanski — that preceded them.

When the owner of a Philadelphia sports franchise tells you a team that lost 44 more games than it won was "a huge success," you should be concerned. That's all I'm saying. Be very concerned.

ANGELO CATALDI

Idle thoughts

- **Donovan McNabb** was arrested for DUI last December, and that's just the beginning of the story. Somehow, the ex-Eagle QB eluded media attention at the time of the arrest, at the arraignment, at the plea bargain hearing and before his actual one-day imprisonment last week. Hey, there's no chance there was a cover-up here, is there?
- **Jonathan Papelbon** snapped at reporters last week when asked about his declining velocity. The Phillies closer argued that there's really not much difference between the 98 mph he once threw and the 91 he averages today. It's all the location of the pitches, not the speed. Who's he kidding — us or himself?
- **Andrew Bynum** will not be available to the Indiana Pacers in the first round of the NBA playoffs because of recurring knee issues. What a surprise. The laziest man in pro sports today has been paid $29 million in the past two seasons, and has played 26 games. That's right — more than a million bucks per game. Amazing.
- If you cannot wait for the release of the new NFL schedule later this week, congratulations. Like me, you officially have no life.

Opinion: Angelo Cataldi

Flyers rolling after unexpected win at MSG

Just when it appeared the Flyers would die a quick and forgettable playoff death, a strange thing happened Sunday. After trailing 2-0 early, they won a game they had to win, against a team they couldn't beat in that rat's nest named Madison Square Garden. Go figure.

The most amazing part of the 4-2 victory in Game 2 was the way backup goalie Ray Emery morphed from a slow, uncertain shot-blocker into a gazelle in the final two periods. Just that quickly, fans went from begging for the return of Steve Mason to clamoring for more Ray Emery. Such is life in the unpredictable world of the NHL playoffs.

Game 3 begins at 8 p.m.
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In fact, the thing that most favors the Flyers in this matchup with the Rangers is the unpredictability of postseason hockey, when nine-game losing streaks at MSG can end totally without warning. Remember, the Flyers still haven't had a single shot on goal from captain Claude Giroux so far, and not a single save from Mason.

What they have gotten is an intangible quality from rookie coach Craig Berube, whose team performs the way he played — with resilience, with purpose. The real star of the 2013–14 Flyers is not the overrated Giroux; it's Berube, who taught them to keep on plugging even when it would be easier to get a good tee time and start the off-season.

Mason's status is still in question because of the dreaded "upper-body injury," but the same cannot be said for Berube's Flyers. The one thing that seems strong as they prepare for Game 3 tonight at the Wells Fargo Center is their upper body — namely, their heads and their hearts. ANGELO CATALDI

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